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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

Several years ago I cut the cord and fired Comcast cable in part because of their high prices and lousy broadband service. At work, over 90% of my employer's business results from customers all over our country placing online orders via the internet. Many of our customers are located in rural areas where good reliable and affordable high-speed internet service is hard to find at competitive rates. The FCC needs to do a much better job of supporting competition in this space -- not reducing competition for the big carriers like AT&T and Comcast.

Thank you.

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